

TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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“DRESS UP HERNDON FOR THE HOLIDAYS” *Neighborhood Decoration Contest Sponsored by Cultivating Community*

Herndon, VA (November 26, 2007) – Town of Herndon residents are invited to deck the halls, hang wreaths, string lights – and nominate their own or their neighbors’ homes for the second annual “Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays” Neighborhood Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Town’s Cultivating Community Initiative.

The contest is open to all Town residents and nominations should be forwarded by Thursday, December 6, to Meg Murphy at Margaret.murphy@herndon-va.gov or 703/435-6800 X2084.

The judging panel, made up of volunteer citizen members of the Cultivating Community committee, will circulate throughout the Town on **Monday evening, December 10**, to determine contest winners. Judges will be looking for classical design, traditional themes, whimsical or creative decorations and more. Decorations on all nominated homes must be easily visible from the street.

Contest winners will be presented on the evening of the 10th with a festive sign, suitable for display; acknowledged at the Town Council’s public hearing on December 11; and formally recognized by Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and the Town Council at the January 15, 2008

public hearing. Photographs of winning homes will also be posted on the Town's website and circulated to local media.

The Cultivating Community Initiative is a program designed to encourage beautification and enrich the quality of life in the Town of Herndon's neighborhoods. Other events produced by Cultivating Community include the Yard of the Month Awards, the Good Neighbor Awards, Neighborhood Celebration Month and the Herndon Garden Tour. All programs are developed through the input of citizen volunteers.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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